



GLENFIELD

INTERMEDIATE

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A message from the Principal / Tumuaki

Kia ora koutou

Welcome back to Term 2. I hope everyone had a great holiday and spent some quality time together as a family. We spoke to the students on their return about setting goals for the new term that will be a challenge for themselves. I would encourage all parents to talk to your child about these goals and ask what you can do at home to support your child with their learning.

We have had several new students enrol at the start of this term and we would like extend a warm welcome to them and their whanau. With friendly staff and students, we are sure it will not take you long to settle into life at GIS.

One of our key focus areas this term is to get back to normal and start our schoolwide groups. With the change to Orange, we are able to participate in zone sports days and have our schoolwide groups start meeting. This includes the rock bands, kapa haka, choir etc. It has been great to see so many of the students engaging with the wide variety of opportunities on offer at GIS.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Ngā mihi

Mark Whitford (Principal/Tumuaki)

Messages from Mrs Somerville Smith and Mrs Stevenson

Kia ora koutou

Welcome to term 2. It is great to see all the students and staff back at school. I hope that everyone had a fantastic break. This term sees a lot more opportunities for students at the orange level. This includes Robotics, esports, extension classes and finally our zone days are able to go ahead. The school is buzzing with activity. I would like to encourage all students to try something new and 'have a go'.

Students have identified goals for this term and are working hard to achieve them. Please ask your child what they are focusing on and think about how you may be able to help them at home.

Mrs Somerville Smith
Deputy Principal

Kia ora koutou

Welcome back to term 2 and I hope you all had a wonderful 2 week break with whanau.

Attendance

It is great to see attendance numbers increasing at school as we start term 2. If your child is unwell or will not be at school for any reason please ring or email and let the office know.

We appreciate you getting your children to school by 8.30am so they are ready in the classroom when the bell goes at 8.45am. Please note that unless your child has sports training in the morning they should not be arriving at school before 8am.

Mrs Stevenson
Assistant Principal

COVID UPDATE

Omicron is still prevalent in the community and we continue to see cases emerge at school. The first two weeks of school has seen 6 staff impacted (either isolating or unwell), and this has put a strain on our resourcing. We are coping at the moment but we are constantly reviewing the situation.

To date in term 2, we have had 13 students absent with COVID from across the different classes. At this stage, we will not be sending out an email or text for every student case this term but will provide an update in the school newsletter. We are looking at the case numbers and if there is a surge in a particular class we will inform you.

Health and Safety Processes

As noted in the newsletter last week, we are continuing to take a cautious approach but are aware of getting back to normal routines as much as possible.

Whilst masks are not compulsory, it is strongly recommended that students and staff wear these indoors. One environment they are compulsory in, is any larger gatherings indoors i.e team assemblies, larger group meetings. Please discuss this expectation with your child.

UNWELL / SICK STUDENTS

We are very grateful to the parents who are collecting their children swiftly when we call to let you know they are unwell. If you have collected your child from school because they haven't been feeling well and are symptomatic, please undertake a rapid antigen test (RAT) - contact the office if you require a test kit to take home. If the RAT is negative and symptoms persist or worsen, you should test again 48 hours after the negative test. If symptoms resolve, there is no need for a further test.

If they are feeling well and are symptom free, they are able to return to school.

COVID UPDATE

Positive Case or Household Contact

If you or your child tests positive please contact the school office immediately and inform us.

To help us monitor attendance and return dates, and also ensure we can support your child whilst at home, we need to know the following information:

- When that person became unwell and when the 7 day isolation period is due to end for them and your household.

If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

General advice

As always, undertake a rapid antigen test (RAT) if symptomatic. If the RAT is negative and symptoms persist or worsen, you should test again 48 hours after the negative test. If symptoms resolve, there is no need for a further test.

How to work out your 7 days of self-isolation



VACCINATION

We know that the best defence against Covid-19 is vaccination. There are several places in our community where you can receive your free vaccination. Tamariki between the ages of 5 and 12 are now eligible for a free vaccine.

Click this link to book yours, or find a walk in centre:

<https://bookmyvaccine.covid19.health.nz/>

COVID-19 Vaccination:

- ✓ Safe
- ✓ Effective
- ✓ Free



Find out more:
covid19.govt.nz/translations

COVID UPDATE

Stay alert: COVID-19 will still be with us this winter

COVID-19 will still be in the community this winter so stay alert - even if you've had it before.

Remember these five important tips from Auckland Regional Public Health Service:

1. **Be vaccinated.** Vaccination is the best protection against getting very sick from COVID-19. Everyone aged 5 or over can get **free** COVID-19 vaccinations. It doesn't matter what your visa or citizenship status is.
2. **Keep up healthy habits:** Healthy habits can protect you from lots of winter illnesses - not just COVID-19. They include washing and drying your hands well and often, wearing a mask (especially inside), and coughing/sneezing into a tissue or your elbow – not your hands.
3. **Be alert for symptoms:** If you or anyone in your household has any cold or flu-like symptoms, stay at home and free-call Healthline: **0800 358 5453**. They will tell you what to do, including how to get a test. Healthline is available 24/7, with interpreters available. In an emergency (for example if someone is having difficulty breathing), immediately dial 111 for an ambulance. COVID-related medical care is free.
4. **Stay home if you live with someone with COVID-19:** Everyone living in a household with someone who has COVID-19 needs to isolate for seven days – not just the person with COVID. Please do not send your child in if they live with someone who has COVID-19, even if they are well.
5. **Check: is your whānau up-to-date?** Now's a good time to check that your whānau is protected against other diseases like measles, mumps, rubella and pertussis (whooping cough). With New Zealand's borders re-opening, there's a greater risk of serious diseases like measles arriving here. Talk to your doctor, or check your own health records (such as your Plunket or Well Child/Tamariki Ora book) to see if everyone's up-to-date with their immunisations.

For more COVID-19 information and advice

Call:

- **Healthline: 0800 358 5453** (a free, 24/7 service with interpreters available)

Or visit:

- **Unite against COVID** covid19.govt.nz
- **Auckland Regional Public Health Service** www.arphs.health.nz
- **Ministry of Health** www.health.govt.nz/covid-19
- **Northern Region Health Coordination Centre** nrhcc.health.nz

Uniform Reminders

UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS

A reminder that students are expected to arrive at school and leave school in formal uniform each day. The only exception is if they start the day or end the day at a Specialist classroom. This will only be one day per week.

Students **must** wear their hair tied up if it is on or below their shoulders.

PLEASE SUPPORT THE SCHOOL AND CHECK YOUR CHILD BEFORE THEY LEAVE IN THE MORNING

School Hat

From the start of Term 2, this hat will be the only hat allowed to be worn. They are available at the school uniform shop.

Shoes

Uniform requirements are that all shoes worn with formal uniform are completely black. This is consistent with our local high schools.

Formal School Shirt

We are aware that there are still a number of students that were unable to purchase these as the uniform shop was out of stock. We are hoping the new formal polo will be available around June. Until then, your child can continue to wear a plain white or navy shirt. Please make sure ALL uniform is named, especially hats and hoodies.



Uniform

NEW ARRIVAL – NOW AVAILABLE



HYBRID HOODIE
\$70.00

ADD YOUR SURNAME
IN STORE
ONLY
\$12.00



Our new GIS hoodies are now available from NZ Uniforms. These are in place of the polar fleece jackets. You DO NOT need one if you already have the fleece.

You can purchase them in store from NZ Uniforms, 19 Douglas Alexander Parade, Albany.

With the weather cooling and children starting to wear jackets and hoodies in the morning, please make sure these are named so we can get them back to their owner if they get lost.

Policy Reviews

We have moved our school policies onto a web based environment. You are now able to view all our current school policies on the website www.schooldocs.co.nz search for Glenfield Intermediate School and enter the **username: glenfieldint password: inspire**. These policies will be regularly reviewed and we will ask for parental input at different times. Policies are developed by the Board of Trustees and are reviewed on a regular cycle. Procedures are developed by the staff and do not require Board ratification or review.

This year our Health and Safety Policies are being reviewed.



Congratulations

Congratulations to the students who received Principals Awards this week.

Lazar - Y7	Charmoné - Y8	Lucas - Y8	Saanjh - Y7	Katelyn - Y7	Shuo - Y8	Zahra - Y8	Benjamin - Y7
Xavier - Y8	Jaive -Y8	Cortez - Y8	Daniel - Y7	Kavith - Y8	Mia - Y8	Shree - Y8	Peter - Y7
Michelle - Y7	Christian - Y8	Ziya - Y8	Prinn - Y8	Jarold - Y8	Grace - Y7	Nashaia - Y7	Benjamin - Y8
Lucas - Y7	Ken - Y8	Kasilita - Y7	Jayden - Y8	Aiden - Y8	Dylan - Y8	Lucas - Y7	Aurelia - Y7
Kasey - Y7	Amelia - Y7	Andrew - Y7	Elsie - Y7	Aisake - Y7	Dominic - Y7	Joshua - Y7	Jovana - Y7
Petrick - Y7	Damin - Y8	Neil - Y8	Lily - Y8	Bethany - Y8	Prisha - Y8	Alice - Y8	Emily - Y8
Althea - Y8	Adrian - Y8	Benjamin - Y8	Ashley - Y8				



Dates

Other important dates:

Thursday 19 May	Pink shirt day - non uniform - gold coin donation
Wednesday 25 May	Squash Zone Day
Thursday 26 May	Cultural Dress Day
Monday 6th June	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
Friday 24th June	Matariki Public Holiday
Monday 27th June	Teacher Only Day - all staff from the Glenfield Cluster have a professional learning conference
Friday 8th July	Term 2 ends

Term 3 Monday 25th July to Friday 30th September

Term 4 Monday 17th October to Wednesday 14th December

School Fun Run

We are pleased to launch our major school fundraiser for 2022 - the *School Cross Country Fun Run*! This is a sponsored programme where we hope to continue our 2021 fundraising to enhance our outdoor environment. The event will be held on Monday 4th July.

Students fundraise by gaining sponsorship to run. Firstly, go to www.schoolfunrun.co.nz and with your child create a **student profile page**. Online fundraising is the easiest way to support your child to collect sponsorship - it's easier and safer than going door to door and handling money. To start fundraising go to your child's profile page at www.schoolfunrun.co.nz and share the fundraising link via email or social media to your friends and family - every little bit helps.

Students who raise just \$10 will be able to choose a prize! The more you raise, the better the reward.



Sports

Commitment and Communication

It is great to see so many of our tamariki engaged in sports and representing GIS in a number of different ways.

Once students are selected for teams, it is important that they show the commitment needed and turn up to trainings and games as needed. It is unfair on the rest of the team if some members do not show up to these things.

Clashes / Multiple commitments

Often students are involved in more than one sport, and despite our best efforts, there can sometimes be clashes. It is important that your child communicates with the teachers / coaches / managers if they have a clash and are unavailable for a training session or meeting.

Netball Results

Congratulations to all of our netball teams, while you have yet to win a game, your determination and resilience is awesome. Keep up the good work!

Sports

Pāhiketepōro (Basketball) Results

09/05/22

GIS Grizzlies vs Kristin Year 7 Jade
LOST 24 - 31

GIS Great Whites vs Belmont Int Raptors
WON 17 - 16

GIS Griffins vs CIC Suns
LOST 45 - 21

GIS Gators vs Wairau Mavericks
WON 35 - 11

GIS Gazelles vs TNIS Sparks
LOST 12 - 7

GIS Geckos vs Northcote Swifts
WON 28 - 14

Hōkī (Hockey) Results - 09/05/22

GIS Guardians
vs
Murrays Bay Intermediate 3
WON 7 - 3

GIS Gladiators
BYE - No Game



Football Zone Day

Last Tuesday, the Year 7 football team went to Rosedale park and played at a zone day. It was a hot day with a blue sky, and they had an amazing time, enjoying themselves a lot. The adrenaline was pumping with every goal and tackle. In the first 3 games Glenfield came out with a satisfactory 2 wins and 1 loss. Heading into the quarter finals, they were up against Northcross Intermediate which was one of the most likely teams to win the tournament. It was a very tough game and unfortunately they lost. Although the quarterfinal was rough, they headed into their next game with their heads held high. Playing Takapuna, another team that lost their quarter final, they were ready for a tough game and it was, they lost 1-0. Despite the losses, they had lots of fun and were very happy with where they got. Everyone is already looking forward to the next zone day.

Emerson - Y7, Isaac - Y7 and Michael - Y7



School Board Elections

We are currently looking for new School Board members. Elections will be held later this year. If you are interested in joining the Glenfield Intermediate School Board, you can find more information about being a Board member here:

<https://www.schoolboardelections.org.nz/becoming-a-board-member/>

If you would like to chat to any of our existing board members, please contact Helen hwilliams@glenfieldint.school.nz and she can put you in touch with some current board members for more information.

School board members are active leaders in our schools. They have an important role of supporting strong professional leadership and ensuring effective teaching for all students through informed governance.

Parents/caregivers and people in the wider community can be parent representatives. School boards need to represent the diversity of their school communities to ensure a bright future for all our children.



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Schools need us all
to **step forward**
”

Find out more at www.trustee-election.co.nz

SCHOOL TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

Step forward
for our schools ✓

School TV

This month on SchoolTV - Screen Time

As a result of the global pandemic, there has been a noticeable shift in the amount of time people spend on screen-based devices. Families are transitioning back to pre-COVID routines but many are still struggling to re-establish the boundaries and rules around screen use. Some continue to deal with digital conflict and tech-tantrums on a daily basis. The latest research found that 77% of teenagers spend more than five hours on screens per day, but it is important to note that not all screen time is considered equal.

Parents play a crucial role in modelling a positive and healthy approach to using screens and assisting children to navigate the content they watch. It is better to model and mentor screen use, rather than monitor it. Children tend to do more of what they see us do, and less of what we tell them to do. However, it is still important to outline the risks and highlight the benefits of screen use to ensure you keep a balanced attitude. Encourage discussions around the issues that people experience in monitoring their screen time and be honest about your own difficulties.

Parents need to remain firm in their approach to managing screen time. Excessive screen time can be detrimental to a child's overall wellbeing. Ensuring the correct privacy settings are in place is vital to prevent children from being inadvertently exposed to inappropriate content or online predators. Parents need to also be mindful of the potential impact screen time can have on a child's social, emotional, educational, behavioural, and even physical domains.

In this edition of SchoolTV, care-givers will be provided with a range of guidelines and strategies to help manage screen time at home. We hope you take time to reflect on the information offered in this month's edition, and we always welcome your feedback.

If you do have any concerns about the wellbeing of your child, please contact the school for further information or seek medical or professional help.

Here is the link to this month's edition <https://glenfieldint.nz.schooltv.me/newsletter/managing-screen-time>



Mitey

At its heart, Mitey is guided by the principles of the Mana Model. The Mana Model identifies five personal, family, school and community components that children need in order to thrive. Over the next few weeks we will break down each aspect of the Mana Model and provide you with an in depth explanation of what it means.

MANA ŪKAIPŌ

Children need to feel belonging and connection to their environment and to others. By celebrating difference and knowing their knowledge and history is important and shared, children get the connection they need to thrive.

Mana Ūkaipō develops when children know:

- that they belong.
- about where they live and go to school.
- their cultural knowledge and history is important and valued.
- they feel connected to others.

Children demonstrate Mana Ūkaipō when they:

- feel proud to go to their school.
- understand how their actions affect others.
- actively participate in school activities.
- can talk about their whakapapa, history, culture and language.
- can compare and contrast different points of view respectfully.



Pink Shirt Day

Join us on **Thursday 19 May**, 2022 as we Kōrero Mai, Kōrero Atu, Mauri Tū, Mauri Ora – Speak Up, Stand Together, Stop Bullying!

Pink Shirt Day works to reduce bullying by celebrating diversity in all its forms and supporting schools, workplaces and communities to be safe, supportive, welcoming and inclusive for everyone.

To celebrate this important kaupapa we'll be having a non uniform day on Thursday 19 May. We will be fundraising to support Pink Shirt Day and ask that students bring a **gold coin donation** so we can raise money for this important cause.

We encourage students and teachers to wear pink on this day to show our support and acknowledgment of this very important cause.



THURSDAY 19 MAY 2022

Non Uniform Day

“Kōrero Mai, Kōrero Atu, Mauri Tū, Mauri Ora – Speak Up, Stand Together, Stop Bullying!”

Ministry of Education review

Schools are **preparing for the changes to schools' planning and reporting**, as legislated in the Education and Training Act 2020, that come into effect on 1 January 2023.

Instead of a charter, schools must publish a three-year Strategic Plan, an Annual Implementation Plan, and an Annual Report. Schools will continue to work in partnership with their communities to develop their plans so they reflect local needs and priorities.

Throughout May 2022 the Ministry of Education is undertaking initial engagement with schools and communities to hear what they think the planning and reporting process should look like. The aim is that strategic plans are flexible enough to meet local needs.

To this end, the Ministry of Education would like to invite you to complete the following survey if you would like to contribute to the review [Whānau and community survey](#). This is completely optional.

Access to free period products at school

Periods are a fact of life for half the population. Despite this, young people don't always have access to the products they need to feel comfortable at school, engage in their learning, and manage what should be a normal and healthy part of life.

Poor access to period products can affect students' attendance and engagement at school. Students also miss out on sporting and cultural activities and can feel embarrassed and ashamed about not being supported to manage their periods. This affects their achievement and wellbeing.

Access to period products is a necessity, not a luxury. The need to access period products exists for every young person who experiences menstruation in ways that meet diverse needs and cultural perspectives. Therefore a selection of period products will now be available to our female and gender diverse students for free, here at Glenfield Intermediate as part of the Ministry initiative.

Providing access to free period products to those who need it in all kura will:

- reduce barriers to access and improve school attendance, sports involvement and tertiary participation
- improve child and youth wellbeing
- reduce financial strain on families and whānau experiencing poverty/material hardship, and
- promote positive gender norms and reduce stigmatisation of menstruation.

A monthly supply of period products will be available for students to collect. Students can collect a pack or individual products as they require from the school office.



The new theme for this year is...NZSL is ESSENTIAL.

The meaning behind this theme is multifaceted. As you are aware, the word “essential” is well used these days and we are drawing on this to put a spotlight on essential workers who are Deaf. As well as the fact that NZSL is essential for Deaf people in education, health, workplaces and to be able to participate equally in society.

Here are some video's you may like to watch as a family to recognise and show support for NZSL week.

Tiki Taane - [No place like home](#)

Waimarie Smith - [Paradise](#)

Thank you to Mrs Boulanger for sharing resources and activities for teachers to use in their classrooms this week.

Community Notices



Te Whare Tu taua o Aotearoa



Mau Rakau

FROM INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL AGE



Start Date: Wednesday 11 May

An innovative training programme in the use of the taiaha

Including Māori language, History, Traditions, Customs, Atua, Whakapapa, fitness, leadership skills, self discipline, respect and all uses of the Taiaha.

Increase your understanding of Te Ao Māori, learning values, improving self- esteem and confidence

When: 6 - 8pm, Wednesday Nights (excluding public & school holidays)

Where: Birkdale North Primary School Hall

Pouako: Tu Marikena (*Pou Waru*)

Cost: This kaupapa is open and free to the Kaipātiki community

For more information, please contact us on 484 8854

Keri Cullen | 027 315 1293 | keri@kcft.org.nz

Starting age is Intermediate School age and above. You need to be 12 to grade as Poutahi (The first of 8 levels). Keri will be present to open and close the venue and help with the safe and smooth running of training sessions.

Nau Mai, Haere Mai

